

ESN3

*“Why are we here? What are we trying to achieve?
Connecting people that were not connected before.”*

*The Employment Services Network was established as a resource to address the needs of those persons with mental illness wishing to make changes to their current education or employment status, and to better partner with Employers to provide support and education of services.
The ESN shall report outcomes to the CSN (Community Services Network) monthly.*

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Meeting date: **Thursday, January 21, 2010; 1:30pm-3:30pm**

Meeting location: **9 Green Street, HealthReach, Augusta**

Goal:

To increase rates of employment for people with mental illness

- ✓ More companies educated about employing people with mental illness
- ✓ Improved strategies for helping people with mental illness find and keep employment. Improve opportunities for continued education.

1:30p-3:30p

Presentation:

- ***High Hopes Clubhouse: Staff and peer presentation/s***
- ***Melissa Labee, HR, Walmart; ‘What is customer service?’***

***Resource Guide/Pathway to Employment**

- develop ESN3 Regional Resource Guide: Topics/Table of Contents to be discussed
- Draft proposal

-Discussion; ***WorkReady Program and Central Me. Growth Council***

-***WorkReady Program starts February 22 in Lewiston, refer to Career Center***

-Other topics for discussion and handouts:

- Aspirations***, Collaboration of Maine Community Colleges, free, earn college credits
- Calling All Crafters/Artists***, info, meeting Feb. 10
- Local labor market; ***5 Maine Economists***
- Part time Administrative Office Clerk-small company located in Lewiston
- Free Tax Prep and Workshops, ***Women Work and Community***
- The Americanization of Mental Illness***-New York Times handout, article
- Continue to invite Employer/s to ESN meeting

Next meeting: t/b/a